

## HQT Content Knowledge Requirements for Special Education Primary Instruction Assignments by Performance Level (PL)

Special educators who provide primary instruction in one or more of the core academic content areas (English language arts, math, science, and social studies) to one or more students must meet HQT content knowledge requirements. To be considered HQT for providing special education primary instruction in a core academic content area, a special educator must meet the credit or examination requirements listed below for the **highest present level of performance (PL)** of his or her current students in that core content area. HQT credits letters, which list the credits and Praxis II testing information on file, are sent to special educators by the Vermont Department of Education. The Praxis II exams listed in the table below refer to Vermont-approved exams; please see the brochure *Vermont's Testing Requirements for Educator Licensure\** for information about testing and specific test codes.

English	PL K-6	PL 7-9	PL 10-12
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 total credits in English language arts/reading AND 6 total credits in math, OR</li> <li>• Praxis II Elementary Education exam</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 or more credits in English language arts/reading, OR</li> <li>• Praxis II Middle Grades English exam, OR</li> <li>• Praxis II English exam</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 or more credits in English language arts/reading, OR</li> <li>• Praxis II English exam</li> </ul>
Math	PL K-6	PL 7-9	PL 10-12
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 total credits in English language arts/reading AND 6 total credits in math, OR</li> <li>• Praxis II Elementary Education exam</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 or more credits in math, OR</li> <li>• Praxis II Middle Grades Mathematics exam, OR</li> <li>• Praxis II Mathematics exam</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 or more credits in math, OR</li> <li>• Praxis II Mathematics exam</li> </ul>
Science	PL K-6	PL 7-9	PL 10-12
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 total credits in English language arts/reading AND 6 total credits in math, OR</li> <li>• Praxis II Elementary Education exam</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 or more credits in science, OR</li> <li>• Praxis II Middle Grades Science exam, OR</li> <li>• Praxis II General Science exam, OR</li> <li>• Praxis II exam in a science sub-discipline (biology, chemistry, physics, or earth science)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 or more credits in science, OR</li> <li>• Praxis II General Science exam, OR</li> <li>• Praxis II exam in a science sub-discipline (biology, chemistry, physics, or earth science)</li> </ul>
Social Studies	PL K-6	PL 7-9	PL 10-12
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 total credits in English language arts/reading AND 6 total credits in math, OR</li> <li>• Praxis II Elementary Education exam</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 or more credits in social studies, OR</li> <li>• Praxis II Middle Grades Social Studies exam, OR</li> <li>• Praxis II Social Studies exam</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 or more credits in social studies, OR</li> <li>• Praxis II Social Studies exam</li> </ul>

### Online Resources:

<http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/licensing/hqt.html>

- *Definitions of Special Education Instructional Arrangements and their Implications for Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) Requirements*
- *HQT Licensure & Content Knowledge Requirements for Special Educators*

- *Worksheet for Determining HQT Status for Special Educators Providing Content Area Primary Instruction*

\*<http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/licensing/testing.html>

- *Vermont's Testing Requirements for Educator Licensure*